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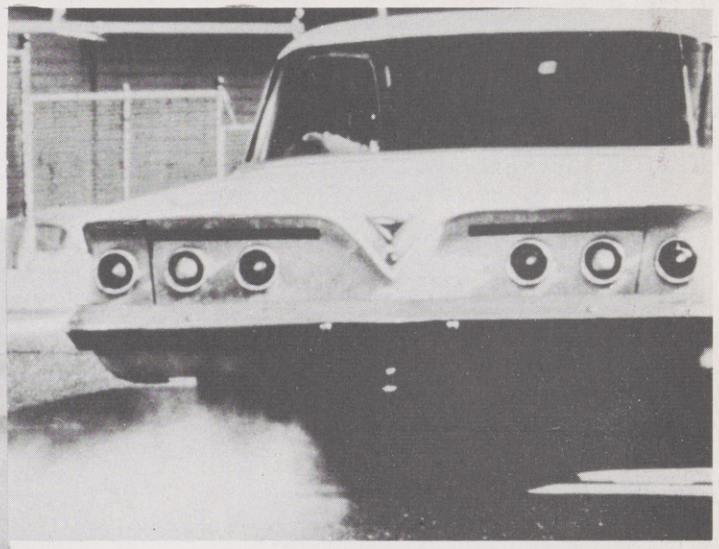

The King back in the news

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco has ruled that the Sierra Club does not have legal standing in its case against the Departments of the Interior and of Agriculture concerning the proposed development of Mineral King by the Disney Corporation.

This decision reverses the court ruling of July 1969, which prevented the issuance of construction permits for the Mineral King project.

The Sierra Club will now seek a stay on vacating the injunction and file an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. The merits of the case cannot be heard until the Club is granted the legal right to bring suit on behalf of the public.

Even if the Supreme Court declines to review the case, there is still some time for action. As yet no contract has been let for construction of the state highway upon which Disney's project depends; several months remain in which to exert public pressure against the destruction of Mineral King.

Petitions and fact sheets may be obtained from the Angeles Chapter Office. The undersigned can also arrange for a 35-minute slide show on Mineral King.

–Dottie Eakin,
Phone: 391-6896–

New anti-pollution project– Please help!

You can help save yourselves, your children, your city. Doctors, biologists and scientists of all kinds have made it clear what auto pollution is doing to us. We are literally killing ourselves slowly, stealing years from our children's lives and laying waste to the treasures of nature.

The Angeles Chapter has been flooded by requests from schools, service clubs, churches and youth groups for speakers to help them understand this problem and tell them what they can do about it.

We are organizing a new project to satisfy these requests. The plan is to build up a slide bank–a collection of standard 35-mm color slides to be used in talks given by speakers on the problem. Written and, eventually, tape-recorded narrations are being developed. Speakers may use these or may put together their own presentations. They may add their own slides and information that apply to their neighborhood scene and to local offenders.

Speakers may be scientists, mothers, businessmen, children or local civic leaders giving their personal touch to the prepared materials.

All presentations will end with an appeal or proposed plan for specific action: sign this petition, write that letter, etc. in relation to pending legislation or other activities.

The first narration will deal with "the murderous motor car." Later ones will take up other aspects of ecology and conservation.

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New Anti-pollution project (cont.)

We appeal to all Sierra Club members to support this project by sending us 35-mm mounted slides. Since our funds are limited, duplicates or non-returnable originals would be appreciated.

Here are some suggestions for slide subjects to illustrate the destructive impact of the automobile and of related services.

RAVAGED SPACE: Parking lots, eight-lane freeways, auto graveyards, suburban sprawl;

- *An eight-lane freeway consumes up to 100 acres of land per mile.*

HEALTH HAZARDS: smog scenes, tailpipe emissions, dying trees, pavement instead of playgrounds;

- *12-14,000 tons of contaminants are daily poured into the air over Los Angeles.*

VISUAL POLLUTION: gas station eyesores, wrecking yards, highway billboards;

- *Land covered with asphalt and concrete can never be restored to natural beauty.*

NOISE POLLUTION: trail bikes and snowcats in forests, angry drivers leaning on horns;

- *Motorcycles can produce 100 deafening decibels.*

CONTRIBUTING INDUSTRIES: supertankers, refineries;

- *Remember the "Torrey Canyon" and Santa Barbara.*

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: multiple types of rapid transit, car models using non-polluting fuels, streets from which cars are banned, attractive filling stations;

FOR CONTRAST: healthy and enjoyable landscapes and city scenes before motorization made its inroads, "before and after" shots, people using bicycles or feet.

Your contribution of one slide or more will be most welcome. Please identify the subject on the mounting and forward to: Spark Schnitzer, 9003 Wonderland Ave., L.A. 90046

Urgent call to help animals

Anyone willing to help feed the burned-out animals in the Malibu Hills, please contact Mrs. Vicki Wier (883-6499 evenings, 277-5733 days). Food has already been purchased; it now needs to be distributed to the suffering animals in the hills.

Also, if you own a jeep or four-wheel drive vehicle, please donate your services.

–Bill Warner,
Wildlife Subcommittee–

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